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MEMORANDUM TO: Board of Review for Shortages and Losses

SUBJECT : Shortage of Station Funds - [ ]

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REFERENCE : Attached Staff Study - Same Subject

1. According to records of this Division, amount of shortage is [ ].

2. Review of the attached study indicates that the responsible Chief of Station failed to initiate action to establish control over funds for some weeks after assuming responsibility therefor. Also, at the time he assumed responsibility for the funds, he was assisted in establishing his accountability and received instructions from the Finance Officer stationed in [ ].

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3. The staff study indicates that the shortage may be attributable to lax practices which were not corrected until sometime after the responsible Chief of Station assumed accountability for the funds. Despite the failure of the responsible official to take appropriate action to assure that official funds were properly controlled, the study recommends that he be relieved from pecuniary liability on grounds that the shortage is relatively small and it is believed that no individual profited to the extent of the shortage.

4. It does not appear proper or conducive to sound funds control to relieve responsible officials from pecuniary liability for losses of Government funds in circumstances where significant negligence is indicated and there is no showing that even elementary measures were taken to safeguard and control official funds. Accordingly, it is recommended that the responsible Chief of Station be held pecuniarily liable for the shortage and be required to refund the amount of \$127.98 to official funds.

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